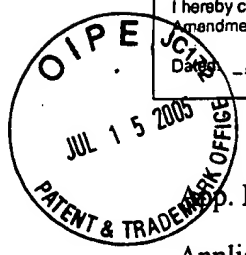


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Dear Sir:

In response to the *Ex parte Quayle* Office Action dated May 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

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